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REMARKS

In response to the above-identified Office Action, the Applicants respectfully submit the below remarks and respectfully request reconsideration of the application, as amended, in light of these remarks.

The Examiner rejected Claims 1-4 and 8-11 of the present application under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,108,687 (Craig) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,240,444 (Fin). In addition, the Examiner rejected Claims 5-7 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Craig in view of Fin, and further in view of an article entitled *Using Microsoft Powerpoint 2000* by Rutledge et al. None of the cited references, however, teach or suggest all the elements of the invention as claimed in the present application.

Specifically, none of the cited references teach or suggest

computer instructions for receiving additional information entered in a shared web browser white board from at least one of the other computers over the network, wherein said other computers and said leader computer each generally simultaneously display the additional information, and wherein the additional information is entered by a user of a computer from the plurality of other computers to be associated with the already displayed information; and computer instructions for receiving text-based conferencing information from at least one of the other computers over the network, wherein said other computers and said leader computer each generally simultaneously display the additional information.

Although the cited references relate to collaborative web browsing, none of them disclose or suggest a shared web browser white board or text based conferencing as disclosed and claimed in the present invention. Thus, the cited references do not teach or suggest the present invention as claimed.

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CONCLUSION

Reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims are respectfully requested. The Examiner may call the Assignee's attorney at the number below to further advance prosecution of this case to issuance.

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